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TO: PRIORITY TEHRAN.

EYES ONLY TO HELMS FROM COLBY

REF: TEHRAN

1. THANKS VERY MUCH FOR REF. IN ABOUT THE SAME TIME FRAME, MC CONE PHONED ME FROM THE WEST COAST SAYING THAT HENRY HAD HAD SOMEWHAT THE SAME CONVERSATION WITH HIM AND HAD ASKED HIM TO TAKE IT UP WITH ME AND GIVE HIM MY REACTION. LASTLY, RUSH TODAY INVITED ME FOR LUNCH WHERE HE EXPOSED MORE OR LESS THE SAME PROPOSAL. THE PROBLEM BOILS DOWN TO THE FOLLOWING:

A. INR HAS GREAT UTILITY IN COORDINATION AND AS A LIAISON LINK TO THE STATE BUREAUS TO GENERATE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE INTELLIGENCE PROCESS. THIS COULD BE DONE WITH A MUCH SMALLER PERSONNEL COMMITMENT, ALTHOUGH THE STATE SPOKESMAN SHOULD BE A SENIOR OFFICER WITH SOME CLOUT.

B. OUR DDI COULD ACTUALLY PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT TO STATE CUSTOMERS WITH A SMALL ADD-ON OF STRENGTH,

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POSSIBLY BY DETAIL OF A PORTION OF THE INR ANALYSTS.

WITH HENRY'S SUCCESSFUL USE OF DIRECT CIA SUPPORT, I WOULD GUESS THAT THE BALL MIGHT MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION.

2. WITH RESPECT TO RAY, THE HALF JOKE OF TAKING HIM BACK HAS COME TO ME MORE THAN ONCE, SO I THINK THERE IS NO JOKE. HE WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE HARD TO FIT INTO THE APPARATUS HERE, BUT POSSIBLY AN OVERSEAS POST LIKE AUSTRALIA MIGHT BE FEASIBLE (I WILL EXCLUDE TEHRAN). AT LEAST THAT KIND OF OFFER MIGHT BE ENOUGH TO SALVE CONSCIENCES IF HE THEN TURNS IT DOWN.

3. WITH RESPECT TO A SUCCESSOR, WHICH IS THE MAIN THING YOU ARE INTERESTED IN, I COMMENTED TO RUSH THAT IF THE ABOVE CONSTRUCTION IS FOLLOWED, AN FSO WOULD BE BETTER THAN AN OUTSIDER OR INTELLIGENCE WALLAH. IF THE OBJECT IS TO LINK THE BUREAUS AND CIA'S ANALYTICAL EFFORT, AN FSO COULD DO BETTER THAN AN OUTSIDER. OBVIOUSLY WE DO NOT WANT A FIGUREHEAD BUT SOMEONE OF THE STATURE OF PHIL HAKIB, SAM BERGER, OR BILL TRUEHEART MIGHT BE QUITE APPROPRIATE.

4. YOUR THOUGHT OF INTELLIGENCE TYPES, IN REF, SUGGESTS NAMES LIKE JACK SMITH, ED PROCTOR, JOHN WALLER, JOHN HUGHES (DIA). I THINK SOME CONSIDERATION OF THESE NAMES WOULD SUGGEST

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THAT THE FSO ROUTE MIGHT WORK BETTER.

5. I DID THANK HARRY ROSITZKE.

6. THANK YOU FOR THE NICE CABLE OF CONGRATULATIONS. I'VE  
GOT A LOT TO LEARN, AND I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO KICK ME ON  
RESPONDING TO THIS ONE. REGARDS ~~EZ IMPDET~~

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